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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation to Construct
and Place in Service Approximately 3.6 Miles of New 138 kV
Transmission Line Between the West Marinette and Wells Street
Substations, Located in the Town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin, and the
City of Marinette, Wisconsin

6690-CE-177

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND
INVESTIGATION AND
ASSESSMENT OF COSTS AND
HEARING**

Direct Testimony Due:	Friday, August 11, 2000 – Noon
Rebuttal Testimony Due:	Friday, August 25, 2000 – Noon
Hearing Date:	Wednesday, August 30, 2000 – 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Hearing Location:	Best Western Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Ave., Marinette, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) for authority to construct and place in service approximately 3.6 miles of new 138kv transmission line between West Marinette and Wells Street substations, located in the town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin, and the city of Marinette, Wisconsin. The application was filed pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.49 and 196.491, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 111 and 112. Specific project routes and route alternatives are detailed on the attached map.

Copies of WPSC's application are available for public review at the Stephenson Public Library, 1700 Hall Avenue, Marinette; and at the offices of the Marinette County Clerk and the Marinette City Clerk, both at 1926 Hall Avenue, Marinette.

WPSC is proposing the project in order to improve reliability of the local electric system in the Menominee–Marinette area.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an

investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

A hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 30, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in Best Western Riverfront Inn, 1821 Riverside Avenue, Marinette, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Parking for people with disabilities is available. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Interests or concerns expressed outside the hearing or after the close of the hearing cannot be used by the Commission to make its decision. The record of the public hearing is the legal basis for the final decision by the Commission on this application. Property owners or any other persons having an interest or concern about the facilities or routes are strongly urged to attend and participate in the public hearing.

Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge Jeffrey J. Patzke, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

The testimony of WPSC and Commission staff witnesses will be available approximately two weeks prior to the hearing. Copies may be obtained in advance by contacting the case coordinator listed below.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). It requires the preparation of an environmental assessment to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. Persons wishing to comment on the environmental aspects of this case should submit comments to Kenneth Rineer, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707. He may be contacted at (608) 276-1201 or rineek@psc.state.wi.us. In order to be considered in this analysis, comments must be received within ten days of the mailing date of this notice.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Paul Helgeson at (608) 266-3905.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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